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Local Matters.

William Ellery Chapter.

The thirteenth birthday of William Ellery Chapter, daughter of the American Revolution, was celebrated at the Portsmouth residence of the Regent, Mrs. J. Alton Barker, on Wednesday afternoon with a large attendance of members and guests. Mrs. Charles Warren Lippitt, State Regent and an honorary member of the chapter, was present and was warmly greeted by her many friends. There was no formal programme of entertainment but the members were allowed to amuse themselves as best pleased them. At noon a dainty luncheon was served by committee of the chapter and there were many pleasing novelties at the table. The annual programme of the chapter were distributed and created much favorable comment because of their attractive appearance. The inside is printed on India ink stock, with antique finish, and the covers are of blue, thus combining the colors of chapter, blue and buff. The work was done at the Mercury Office.

After luncheon there were other forms of entertainment, and at five o'clock the large birthday cake was cut, followed by a contest between the widows and maids in blowing out the candles. The celebration continued into the evening.

Board of Aldermen.

The regular weekly meeting of the board of aldermen was held on Thursday evening when routine business was transacted. It was voted to call a meeting of the representative council for Monday evening, November 8, to take action on the report of the tax assessors on the matter of adopting the card system of keeping the records and accounts in their office. This matter was referred to them at the last meeting of the council, and if the council decides to adopt it action will have to be taken at once in order to have time to make the change before the next assessment of a tax.

Weekly bills and payrolls were approved and ordered paid. A number of minor licenses were granted, and several petitions for remission of taxes were referred to the assessors. There was also some talk about some changes in street lights.

Mrs. Nathalie Schenck Collins, daughter of Mrs. Spottwood D. Schenck, will be married in New York to-day to Mr. William Laimbeer of New York. A few years ago, as Nathalie Schenck, she was one of the most popular girls in the younger Newport set. Then followed her unfortunate marriage to Captain Glen Collins of the British army, from whom she obtained a divorce a few months. Mr. Laimbeer has been married before, his first wife being the late Clara Bloodgood.

Miss Esther Pearson Power, daughter of Mrs. Thomas Power, was married to Mr. Robert Vincent Spellman of Philadelphia, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Emory H. Foster, D. D., at the residence of the bride's mother Wednesday evening. The bride was attended by her twin sister, Miss Mary Power, and her brother, Mr. Arthur Power, was the best man.

Mrs. S. A. Dawson, widow of the late Thomas Dawson, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Joseph Dawson, in Durant Village, Conn., on Wednesday, October 20, at the age of seventy-two years. She had been in frail health for some time, and on Sunday, October 10, suffered a shock which hastened her death. Mrs. Dawson had been a resident of Jamestown for several years, residing with her sister since last May.

Signing Nomination Papers.

Many nomination papers are being taken out from the office of the city clerk and are being circulated to obtain the necessary signatures to make a legal nomination for the various offices. Although the city election will not take place until December 7, there have already been nomination papers filed with the city clerk. The persons who are circulating the papers for signatures find considerable difficulty in persuading voters to sign their names exactly as they appear on the voting list, and in consequence there have been many names pronounced disqualified when the papers were presented for filing. Unless a man bears it carefully in mind he is very apt to sign merely his initials instead of his full name, and initials will not be accepted as legal signatures.

It is generally understood that there will be two candidates for Mayor this year, and it is probable that there will be at least two candidates for alderman in each of the five wards, and in fact in some of the wards there are already more than that number in the field. It is rather early yet to figure on how many nominees for the council places there will be, but it is evident that there will be at least enough to fill all the vacancies that will exist at that time.

There are to be elected four members of the public school committee to serve for the three year term. The ruling members are Robert C. Scheller, William J. Conzani, Thomas P. Peckham and James P. Taylor. It is understood that Mr. Taylor does not care to be a candidate for reelection, and papers are being circulated for Mr. A. Russell Manchester for this vacancy.

The Jews in History.

Mrs. Caesar Birch of Providence read an interesting paper before the Current Topics Club at its regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon on "The Jews in American History." She was thoroughly familiar with her subject, and her address had a peculiar significance to Newport which was the home of many of the most prominent Jews of Revolutionary days. There resided a prominent place in the address, and the history of the Touro Synagogue, the first in America, was given. Before the speaker had finished her audience had a new appreciation of the important part that the Jews have played in the creation and development of the United States.

The Democrats have a rally in Realty Hall to night. The speakers are to be Hon. Olney Arnold, Democratic candidate for Governor, Ex-Governor James H. Higgins, the candidate for Lieut. Governor, Thomas A. Carroll, Frank E. Fitzsimmons, Chairman Democratic State Central Committee, and James A. Williams, the man who wants to be Attorney General. With all these spellbinders, the atmosphere in the vicinity of Commodore Perry's monument ought to be pretty hot. Our distinguished townsman, Ex-Senator P. J. Murphy will preside.

Funeral services for the late William A. Ogilvie were held at the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday last and were attended by a large gathering of friends. Rev. Nathaniel J. Sprout officiated and the members of the Newport Artillery and the Walter Lawrie Club attended in a body. After the services at the church the Artillery Company escorted the remains to the train, the interment being in New Brunswick. The bearers were John K. McLennan, Philip J. Macvicar, David A. Lawton, William J. Dawley, Rev. Richard Arnold Greene, and Francis W. King.

Rev. Frederick Terry, D. D., read an interesting paper before the Historical Society at its meeting on Tuesday evening, the subject being "A Minister's Wife in the Revolution." The paper told the experiences of his great-grandmother, Mrs. Axel Rowe, during the stormy times of the Revolution. At the same meeting Mrs. French E. Chadwick told of her attempts to prove that George Washington had attended services at Trinity during his stay in Newport, but said that she had not yet been successful in establishing that fact.

Mr. E. J. Berwind is still increasing the size of his handsome property on Bellevue avenue. He has this week purchased the large Johnson estate comprising about 35,000 square feet, which will be thrown in with his other holdings, all being enclosed with a stone wall. His estate will cover nearly 800,000 square feet.

Mr. John P. Peckham is getting along as well as could be expected. He is able to leave his house daily for a short walk and will soon go to Stamford, Conn., for further treatment. The broken bone in the knee is apparently healing well.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Grace Vars, of this city, and Mr. Fred W. Kent, of Buffalo, N. Y.

Distinguished Japanese Here.

The commercial commission of Japan which has been touring the United States in the interests of the commercial development of that country paid a visit to Newport on Monday last, although few of the residents of this city knew that they had been here until after they had departed. It was late on Saturday evening that Mayor Boyle received word that the commission would arrive in this city the next day and there was little time in which to arrange for a suitable reception for them. The party came down from Boston, arriving here at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. They were met at the train by Mayor Boyle and a few others and were taken in automobiles to the Island Cemetery where the remains of Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry are interred. By direction of the Emperor of Japan a handsome wreath was laid on the grave, by Baron Shibusawa, testifying to the high respect that the Japanese nation has for the man who opened their ports to the commerce of the world and started them on the road to civilization which they have travelled so fast.

After this ceremony had been performed, Superintendent Andrew K. McMahon of the cemetery showed them about the cemetery, the Belmont Memorial Chapel and other places of interest. They then proceeded to the Naval Training Station where they were hospitably entertained by Captain William F. Bullam and were shown over all the points of the station.

After luncheon the automobiles were again taken for a trip about the city, including Bellevue avenue and the cottage colony and the Ocean Drive. The party took the 3 o'clock train back to Boston, after spending an enjoyable day in Newport. All those who had assisted in their entertainment here were presented with attractive medallions as souvenirs of the visit.

A large number of the members of the Manton Club, with their ladies, assembled in Merchants and Builders Hall Wednesday evening to listen to a lecture on Egypt and the work of excavation he is doing there, by our summer resident, Theodore M. Davis. The lecture was illustrated by a large lot of interesting stereopticon views of tombs, mummies, etc., found by Mr. Davis in the course of excavation. His work has been in the region of what is known as the Tombs of the Kings and here the finds have been of much greater interest than many that have been made by other explorers. The lecture was listened to with much interest. After the lecture a light collation was served.

A petition for a new trial has been filed by counsel for the defendant in the case of Ellen Giddin of Pawtucket vs. the Easton's Beach Company, in which the plaintiff received a verdict for \$1000 when the case was tried in the Superior Court last July. The suit was brought to recover damages for injuries alleged to have been received by the plaintiff falling through the floor of one of the defendant's bath houses, owing to the alleged defective condition of the floor. The new trial is asked for on the ground that the verdict was not in accordance with the law nor the evidence.

Mrs. John Libby died at her home in New Bedford on Tuesday night after a brief illness. She was the mother of Mr. William T. Libby, of this city, and a sister of Mrs. Odeon Smith. She was well known here where she had frequently spent the summer. Her illness was of very brief duration, having suffered a shock while about to start on a short trip from New Bedford to Providence.

The three-masted schooner James H. Hoyt, which arrived in Newport with a cargo of Maine ice for the Independent Ice Company, went aground in the inner harbor in such a way that the ferry slip of the New Ferry to Jamestown was obstructed for some time. The grounding was caused apparently by a necessity for extensive dredging in the north part of the harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Marsh and their daughter, Miss Alva Marsh, left last night for a trip to Washington and other places. Miss Marsh will remain in Washington for some little time, while Mr. and Mrs. Marsh will take a trip through Texas.

Mr. J. Nicholson Barrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barrett, has returned from the West to spend a short time in Newport. He will return to his fruit ranch in Oregon some time before spring.

The annual meeting of the Newport Yacht Club for the transaction of business and the election of officers will be held in the club house off Swan avenue on Thursday evening next.

Mrs. Elmer E. Gifford and her son Harold will start this morning for a ten days' visit to Boston.

Quiet Politically.

Things political are beginning to wake up in Newport a trifle, although for a period so near to voting day it is still very quiet. There have thus far been no rallies or public speaking, but the annual dinner of the Young Men's Republican Club was set for last night, at Realty Hall, and the Democrats will hold a rally to-night in the same place. Governor Polliter was expected to be one of the speakers at the Republican dinner, and the Democrats will have their candidate for governor, Olney Arnold.

There has thus far been very little political excitement around town, and it is doubtful if a very large vote will be polled. There are many names on the voting list, although not as many as last year when the Presidential election was on, and the fact that not all those assessed for personal property taxes paid the tax in time to get their names on the list. Those who were registered this year will still be entitled to vote whether they paid their taxes or not, but those who did not register and who did not pay their taxes have had their names removed entirely.

The election, this year is purely a State affair, there being neither national officers nor Congressmen to come up for election this year. The only names that will appear on the ticket are the nominees for the five general officers of the State and the five members of the General Assembly from Newport. There are, however, other important matters to be acted upon. There are three important amendments to the State constitution to be acted upon and there is also the question of a bond issue for the improvement of the harbor of Providence and Pawtucket. In addition there is the question as to whether or not the City of Newport will grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors during the next year.

All of these are important questions and should not be overlooked by the voter. It is essential that every Republican voter should make an effort to go to the polls this year for the danger lies in over-confidence.

Suits in equity have been instituted in the Superior Court in Providence to secure decisions regarding the construing of the will of the late William H. Henderson, under which the City of Newport was made the residuary legatee. The suit is brought by the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, trustees under the will, but the city's interests will be represented by City Solicitor Max Levy. The amount involved is about \$6,000, of which \$1,000 was bequeathed to the Rhode Island Homeopathic Hospital to establish a free bed, and \$2000 to the Olney Street Congregational Church of Providence. It is claimed that neither of these corporations is now in a position to carry out the terms of these bequests and that therefore the money should revert to the city of Newport as residuary legatee.

The fight in Middletown this year will be a usual one, not one. Stewers, Charles H. Ward and Joel Peckham, who are the Republican nominees for Senator and Representative, are opposed by Messrs. Frank T. Peckham and Joshua Coggeshall on the Citizens, or Good Government ticket. Both parties claim to be Republican although Joshua Coggeshall, the opposition nominee for Representative, has always been classed as a Democrat, and most of his family have been adherents of that party. It seems a pity that these factional fights cannot be ended.

The annual memorial service for deceased members of the Walter Lawrie Club was held in the Club's chapel last Sunday afternoon with a large attendance of members and friends. There were eulogies of the members who have died, and the pictures of the deceased were shown on a screen at the same time. President Frank W. King presided.

There have been several short rain-falls during the past week that have helped out a little on the water supply but hardly enough to make any appreciable difference in the situation. A prolonged rain of several days duration is essential before the danger of a water famine will be removed.

August Anderson, an employee on Mr. Arnold Hague's estate, was taken to the Newport Hospital on Wednesday, suffering from a severe scalp wound that he received while leading one of Mr. Hague's horses to the depot. The horse became frightened at an automobile and the man was thrown violently to the ground.

Rear Admiral and Mrs. Stephen B. Luce have returned from a visit of several weeks in Woodstock, Vermont.

Professor Alexander Agassiz has closed his Newport residence and has returned to Cambridge.

Mr. William Galvin, of Boston, has been spending a few days in Newport during the past week.

Wickford Line Sold.

By direction of the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, representing the holders of the bonds of the Newport and Wickford Railroad & Steamboat Company, all the property of that corporation was sold at public auction at the company's office on Commercial wharf Thursday noon. There was a large crowd present from the proceedings, and there were several different interests concerned in the bidding, some of whom dropped out in the early stages. The property was secured by the bondholders through President Wells of the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, whose bid of \$20,000 was the highest received. The auctioneer was Eugene C. O'Neill.

The sale included all property of whatever kind owned by the company with the exception of money in the hands of the receivers and the coal in storage. A five per cent deposit was required at the time of the sale, and delivery of the deeds was arranged to take place on November 6. The auctioneer stated before the bidding began that he understood the road had earned 2 or 10 per cent, while to the receiver's hands.

Mr. J. K. Sullivan of this city was the first bidder at \$25,000. Parties apparently representing the Sea View Railroad also took part in the bidding, running the price up to \$50,000, when Mr. Wells bid \$50,000 and the auctioneer was unable to secure an increase of this price.

There were present at the sale persons high in authority in the New Haven road who were in close proximity to the successful bidder and it is generally believed that the property will eventually be run by that corporation. At the price at which it was secured, the fixed charges would be materially reduced and there would seem to be no reason why the concern could not be put on a paying basis if run economically. The new owners will not be obliged to assume any of the indebtedness that has been accumulated and can start with a clean sheet.

All the stock has been wiped out by the sale by the bondholders, including the \$50,000 held by the City of Newport. However it is not felt that the city has had a loss from its investments as the road has undoubtedly brought a large amount of business to Newport since it has been in operation. If the new owners will have it operated in the future, and this would seem to be the best policy from a financial standpoint, it will continue to be of benefit to the city.

An appeal for a new trial has been filed in the Superior Court by the attorney for Joseph Baudouin, who was convicted at the last session of the court. Sentence has not yet been passed upon him, and will not be until his petition for a new trial has been passed upon.

The police have received notice from Boston that the man who was recently arrested and sentenced under the name of Joseph Baudouin for stealing from St. Mary's Church, has served time in Massachusetts for similar offenses. It is not known that he is wanted anywhere by the police of other localities.

This has been a busy week in the Tax Collector's office. Tuesday night Collector Higgins was kept on until three a. m. receiving taxes and preparing the list for the final canvass the next day. Many personal property taxes were paid that evening.

Candidates for Representatives Council are beginning to come to the front. Already papers have been taken out for the full list of thirteen, in the first, second and third wards. The municipal league will have candidates in most of the wards.

The ward lists as completed by the Board of Aldermen on Wednesday contain some one hundred and fifty less names than what was on the list when first published. These are personal property men who failed to pay their taxes.

Miss Lillian Barrett has started on a trip to South America as companion to a lady who will make an extended trip through that region during the winter.

Mr. William P. Carr has disposed of his grocery business at the corner of Third and Bridge streets. The business had been in the family for many years.

Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Daniels and Mr. and Mrs. Harry O. Cooke will leave New York next Tuesday morning for a two weeks' tour of the South.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Roche observed their silver wedding anniversary at their home on Prairie avenue Wednesday evening.

The regular monthly meeting of the park commission was held on Tuesday afternoon, when little but routine business was transacted.

Quite a number of people from Newport attended the Young Republican Club dinner in Providence Wednesday night.

Middletown.

Funeral services for the late Nathaniel Thayer, formerly of Middletown, Mass., will be held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Middletown, on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. The interment will be in the cemetery of St. Mary's, Middletown.

The new Central Catholic school house being erected by Mr. Nathan Brown on the site of his former dwelling on Green Road avenue, was dedicated this week and the work is progressing rapidly. Mr. Nathaniel Thompson, Jr., is the builder.

A Boston "Globe" report of a woman named Anna L. to be alive in east Wednesday evening at Holy Cross Guild House by mistake of the Globe.

The regular meeting of the Olney's Reading Club was held at Holy Cross Guild House last week, when the members were entertained by Mrs. J. Willie Peckham. The program included current events, and call of question from Phillips Reed and the subject of the afternoon, "Catholics." The opening musical number was heartily enjoyed. This was the "Westminster Chimes" as rendered upon a Victor mandolin. They played the familiar hymns, "O Come all ye Faithful," "Nearer my God to Thee," and "Lead, Kindly Light." Articles were read upon ancient and modern Catholics. The latter portion of the afternoon was devoted to musical selections, vocal and instrumental, upon the Victor.

At the "Four Corners church" Sunday afternoon, the field secretary of the General Society of Foreign Missions, Dr. George Stokes of Boston, gave a most instructive address upon the various departments of the work. Having been a missionary to many foreign lands himself for a long period of years, his account of personal experience proved of absorbing interest to his hearers, who were pleased to meet him at the close of the service in an informal reception conducted by the pastor.

The Olney's Reading Club was represented at the autumn meeting of the R. I. State Federation of Women's Clubs on Saturday at Providence by its president and by Mrs. Philip Wilbur and Mrs. Elbert Bleson, as delegates. Mrs. Clara E. Dennis and Mrs. Alexander Elliot.

The steam roller owned by the Peckham Brothers, Paradise avenue, is being used on the West Main Road where a portion of the highway is being macadamized near Brown's Lane. Oil-paint Lane is also undergoing repair.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Peckham having planned to again spend the winter in Florida, held on Wednesday an auction sale of poultry, hen houses, horse, harnesses, cows, farming tools, hay, etc., at their residence; "River View Poultry Farm." The auctioneer was Mr. James A. Taber and there was a general run of high prices, everything being in fine condition. The large amount of poultry was sold mainly to a few purchasers and at exceptionally good figures. Mr. and Mrs. Peckham will not leave for the South until December.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peckham will be observed Wednesday, November 10, at their home, "Orchard Hill," Wapping Road. The invitations, which are just out, bear the dates "1839-1909" and are printed in gold. A reception will be held in the afternoon from 3 until 5 and in the evening from 7 to 10 o'clock. Among the guests expected will be several who were present at their marriage. One hundred and fifty invitations have been issued.

Aquidneck Grange having been invited to be present at Nonquit Grange, Tiverton, on "Neighbor's Night," five members responded on Wednesday evening and reported a most enjoyable gathering. The five granges of Newport County Pomona Grange, Jamestown, Middletown, Portsmouth, Tiverton and Little Compton, were well represented and there was a delegation of 25 each from Dartmouth and Westport Granges, who furnished the main part of the program of entertainment. The Grange hall was pretty well taxed to accommodate the guests, some 160 in number. Little Compton Grange extends a similar invitation for next Wednesday evening.

Owing to extensive alterations and repairs at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Delamater entertained the members of the Epworth League at the church parlors on Wednesday evening. The gathering was one of the social affairs of this organization which are alternated through the winter with literary evening, and was devoted to games and music under the direction of the superintendent of the social department, Mrs. William J. Peckham.

Miss Margaret Peckham and her sister, Mrs. Edith Olds, of Lewiston, Maine, who are well known and largely connected in Middletown (where they resided for a long period of years) have been guests this week of Mrs. Wm. Lively Brown on the West Main Road. They expect to remain during the month of November, visiting among relatives on the island, and at Jamestown with their brother, Mr. Amos Peckham.

The weekly meetings of St. Columba's Guild have been changed from Thursday to Friday afternoons, and will be held at the Berkeley Parish House.

At the regular meeting of Aquidneck Grange held Thursday evening at the Town Hall, the officers' chairs were filled by married women, it being Matrons' Night. At the conclusion of the business session, Rev. Charles Hurdon, a retired clergyman from Concord, N. H., gave an illustrated talk, with charts, on the "Equalization of Taxation," which was followed by a general discussion. Mr. Hurdon has been a prominent preacher in Hopkinton, N. H., for the past fourteen years and is at present in the lecture field. The Newport County deputy, George Howland of Jamestown, was guest of the evening and made brief remarks. A chowder supper, prepared by Lewis B. Manchester, was served at the close of the lecture.

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Just remember, if you wish to vote for all those men who have served the State and city faithfully during the past year, all that is necessary is to make one cross X in the circle under the eagle. That votes the whole ticket.

Judge Landis who imposed a twenty-nine million dollar fine on the Standard Oil Co., has now taken the other stand and imposed a fine of one cent. There is nothing like being an extremist in one direction or the other.

That former distinguished Democrat, Rathbone Gardner, does not take much stock in the Democratic candidate for Attorney General. He calls him a political demagogue and then goes on to prove it, to the satisfaction of all good citizens.

A big fight will be made this year in Tiverton over the license question. No license in Fall River has brought Tiverton into the lime light as never before. The fight will be a hot one. Warren is another town where the elements are very strongly arrayed on both sides.

If anything can be more absurd than the editorials in the Providence Journal on Mrs. Chadwick's lecture before the Newport Historical Society the other evening, we do not care to read it. She neither said nor hinted that Washington never attended church in old Trinity. She only said that she had not yet been able to find the positive proof on the subject, which proves nothing one way or the other. If the Journal can even imagine something with which to hit Newport it is happy.

One of the greatest curiosities of this campaign is the attitude of the Providence Journal. It is supporting with all the vim it is capable of, the three amendments to the constitution. Gov. Pothier is also supporting the same and speaking in favor of them every night. Olney Arnold, the Democratic candidate for Governor, is opposing them, and saying all he can against them, yet the Journal is supporting the said Arnold and opposing Gov. Pothier. Consistency is a jewel not worn by the aforesaid Journal.

All three amendments are the result of many years of almost disheartening struggle for some measure of political reform here in Rhode Island. Don't waste any of this effort by voting against even one of the measures.—Providence Journal.

The new men who are running the Providence Journal should "look up," a little on Rhode Island history. The same amendments as are now before the people were presented to them in 1885, again in 1899. They then received the written sanction of such eminent Democrats as R. H. I. Goddard, who now opposes them, Charles E. Gorman, Augustus S. Miller, David S. Baker and Edwin D. McGinness. The same amendments were again presented to the people in 1902 and again in 1905. It does not look much as though the Republican party had caused this "disheartening struggle."

The rapidity with which newspapers of Providence turn political somersaults is amazing, to say the least. Two years ago the Tribune was a rabid Republican paper. To-day it is most fierce in denouncing the Republicans and leads in shouting for everything Democratic. The Providence News, which for several years was the only simon pure Democratic organ, now claims to be the only Republican paper in that city, while the Journal, as has been the case for several years, is working the straddle, we presume to its own satisfaction, if not to that of its readers. This year it claims to be supporting the Democratic candidate for Governor, at the same time acknowledging that Governor Pothier has made in every respect a model Chief Executive. It is supporting the Republican Attorney General and giving his Democratic opponent the benefit of a few broadsides with an occasional cartoon thrown in. On the rest of the State ticket, it is silent. There is also a silence that is eloquent in regard to the Democratic General Assembly ticket from that city. The day the Democratic nominations were made that paper advised the party that they had the chance of their lives and that they would probably embrace it by putting up a strong ticket. When the ticket was discovered, there was a heavy frost in the Journal office which the most fervid heat of Democratic solicitation has not yet melted. In city offices the Journal is on both sides as usual. It supports, or pretends to support, the Mayor and condemns other Republican members on the ticket. So there you have it. In regard to the papers, "You pay your money and take your choice."

Election Next Tuesday.

The coming State election is an important one and every citizen, who has the welfare of his State and his city at heart, should make it his special duty to come out and vote next Tuesday. It will not answer to say "Everything is all right. The ticket is elected. I will not bother myself to take the time to go to the polls." This

is wrong. In the first place, elections do not carry themselves. In the second place, every citizen ought to have a choice as to who shall serve him during the year to come and if so it will not be very burdensome for him to take a few minutes of his valuable time signifying that choice at the polls. This year there is a Governor to be chosen, a Lieutenant Governor, a Secretary of State, an Attorney General and a General Treasurer. In addition there are a Senator and four Representatives to be chosen to represent this city in the General Assembly. There are also three separate amendments to the constitution of the State to vote on and a proposition to bond the State to the extent of \$500,000 to improve the harbor of Providence. And finally there is the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors to be voted upon. In all these questions there should be matters enough of importance to interest everyone and to bring out a full vote.

There ought to be no question as to the success of the Republican State ticket, and probably will be none, if the good citizens come out and do their duty. No more conscientious, careful, painstaking man than Governor Pothier ever presided over the affairs of this State. The people owe it to themselves and to the good name and the best interests of the State to not only re-elect him, but to give him such a majority as will show to the world that the people of Rhode Island appreciate a good man. The other members on the ticket are all good men and will perform their duties in an honest and intelligent manner. They have each and every one proved his ability and faithfulness in the performance of the duties of their various offices. One mark in the circle under the eagle will be sufficient to vote this entire ticket and we believe that no good citizen or one interested in Newport's welfare will make any mistake by so marking his ballot next Tuesday. Remember the polls open at 6.30 a. m. and close at 6.30 p. m.

Women For Congress.

Although Ruth Bryan Leavitt denies the report that she is an aspirant for the nomination for member of the House of Representatives, several other Colorado women are mentioned as being "in the hands of their friends." Some of these are Republicans and some are Democrats. As Colorado is one of the four states in which women have equal privileges with men at the polls, there may be a chance for some of them to get the candidacy. Possibly also some of them may get elected. But, if elected, will they be admitted? There's the rub. The constitution declares that, "No person shall be a representative who shall not have attained the age of 25 years, and been seven years a citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of that state in which he shall be chosen." That is what it says about the qualifications for members of the popular branch of Congress. The constitution also sets forth that, "Each House shall be the judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of its own members."

The "he" in the provision first quoted would seem to be fatal to the chances for the admission of any woman as a member of the House of Representatives. And the other stipulation gives the House the power to say whether it shall make "he" a generic pronoun to cover persons of both sexes. If the House holds that "he" and "she" are, as regards qualifications for voting and holding office, interchangeable terms it will let women in. Probably it will not make any such concession. De Lolme said that the British Parliament could do anything except change a man into a woman or a woman into a man. As unlike England, we have a written constitution which restricts the authority of Congress, and as our Congress has a much narrower range of powers than England's Congress possesses, the physiological feat of transmitting the into he will hardly be attempted by the House of Representatives until radicalism and broad construction of the constitution gets beyond any point yet touched.

Wanted—Republican Votes.

From Westerly Sun.
Republican voters should remember that in Rhode Island a small total vote is not favorable to Republican success. The voting strength of the state is too equally divided now for either party to have many stay-at-homes on election day; and the republican stay-at-homes always outnumber the democratic stay-at-homes in "off years." That being the case, it behooves the republicans to make an effort to bring out voters next Tuesday, or they may wake up Wednesday morning to find a democratic state government waiting to be inaugurated. During the past year many pleasant things have been said by republicans as well as by democrats relative to Governor Pothier. He has been a painstaking, courteous chief executive, and he has shown a commendable recognition of his own responsibility for his public acts—a recognition which is sometimes called "independence." Yet these compliments during the year do not guarantee that those who give them will vote for him at the polls; indeed, every holder of public office should remember that "smooth words butter no parsnips." What will continue the Governor for another year is votes at the polls. And republican voters should turn out to make sure that the necessary number are deposited.

Another Freak Charter.

By a vote of nearly five to one, the city of Tacoma, Wash., has adopted a new city charter providing for government by commission. Considering the importance of the question voted on, the citizens showed remarkable lack of interest, less than one-fourth of the voting population going to the polls. The first election under the charter will be held in April. The commission plan provides for the election of a mayor, four councilmen and a comptroller. Each councilman will have charge of one department, and the mayor will conduct another. After the councilmen have been elected, they will decide by vote the assignments to departments.

It is to be expected that politics will creep in, but every effort will be made to keep politics out. Nomination petitions must be filed between twenty and thirty days before the election, and each candidate must present affidavits from twenty-five voters who say that to the best of their belief he has not decided to seek election because of promises of support from any political organization. No voter may sign more than one certificate. The mayor will be elected for a term of four years and his salary will be \$4,000 a year. Of the four councilmen, the two receiving the highest number of votes will serve four years and the others will serve two years. The comptroller will be elected for two years and will be paid \$2,400 a year. Councilmen will receive \$3,400 a year each. The mayor will preside over and have a vote in the council which will hold daily administrative sessions and meet once a week in legislative session.

Reapportionment.

The MERCURY has on many former occasions given the apportionment to each town and city in the State of the new House of Representatives, should the re-apportionment bill pass. We repeat. The following towns will be entitled to one representative each.

West Greenwich, Exeter, Charlestown, Foster, Little Compton, New Shoreham, Jamestown, Richmond, Narragansett, Glocester, Middletown, Barrington, Smithfield, Portsmouth, Hopkinton, North Smithfield, Scituate, East Greenwich, Tiverton, North Providence, North Kingstown, Johnston, South Kingstown, Warren, Coventry—25.

The following towns will each have two Representatives—Burrillville, Bristol, Westerly, Lincoln, Cumberland—10.

Three Representatives—East Providence—3.

Four Representatives—Cranston, Central Falls—8.

Six Representatives—Warwick, Newport—12.

Seven Representatives—Woonsocket—7.

Ten Representatives—Pawtucket—10.

Twenty-Five Representatives—Providence—25.

This means a gain of 18 for Providence, two for Pawtucket, two for Woonsocket, Newport and Warwick, one each for East Providence, Burrillville, Bristol, Cranston, Central Falls and Westerly.

Real Estate Sales and Rentals.

Slucon Hazard has sold the estate of David A. Palt, deceased, the dwelling house and lot at No. 2 on the southerly side of Summer street to Evelyn M. White, wife of Nicholas White. The lot contains about 6,600 square feet of land and is bounded north easterly by Summer street, 66 feet; south easterly by lands of Robert A. Smith and James S. Ramboe, 101 feet; south westerly by lands of Wilson and Gibson 66 feet and northwesterly by land of Ruthie A. Arnold, 101 feet. Slucon Hazard has sold for Cynthia S. A. Gladding the premises at the northerly corner of W. Marlborough street and Thames street, comprising a two family house and lot, her Homestead property, to Sultana Jemiel, wife of Joseph Jemiel. Mrs. Jemiel it is understood will greatly improve the property.

There is a large force of men at work at the residence of Commodore Arthur Curtis James on Beacon Hill. Much overtime work is being done in order to have the house thoroughly rebuilt before the opening of another season.

Mr. William McLeod, of the law firm of Burdick & McLeod, was operated upon for appendicitis at the Newport Hospital on Friday.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

OCTOBER 1909		STANDARD TIME			
		Sun	Moon	High water	Low water
30 Sat	6 22 15	0 0	6 22	5 12	5 41
31 Sun	6 22 15	0 0	6 22	5 12	5 41
1 Mon	6 20 14	57	7 30	5 10	5 38
2 Tues	6 23 14	56	8 35	5 10	5 38
3 Wed	6 22 14	55	9 40	5 11	5 39
4 Thurs	6 21 14	54	10 45	5 12	5 40
5 Fri	6 20 14	53	11 50	5 13	5 41

Last Quarter, 11th day, 11:38 a. m., evening.
New Moon, 12th day, 10:15 a. m., evening.
First Quarter, 20th day, 10:15 a. m., evening.
Full Moon, 27th day, 11:38 a. m., morning.

A Small Farm For Sale

Close to Trolley Line

I have for sale a very desirable small farm of about 25 acres, with new frame cottage, in Middletown. This place is very close to trolley and well situated. Fine spring of water. An excellent place for a dairy vegetable and poultry farm. Price \$3,500. Apply at once to

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REAL ESTATE AGENT.

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Newport, R. I.

Deaths.

In this city, 27th inst., at her residence, 22 Foster street, Mary, wife of Michael J. Moran, in the 68th year.
In Westerly, Oct. 28, 1909, Mrs. M. J. Moran, wife of Michael J. Moran, in the 68th year.
In Wickford, Oct. 28, 1909, Mrs. M. J. Moran, wife of Michael J. Moran, in the 68th year.
In New York, 27th inst., Mrs. M. J. Moran, wife of Michael J. Moran, in the 68th year.

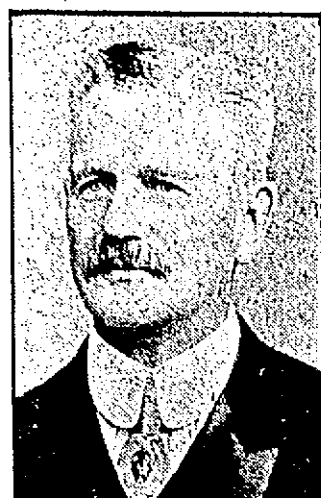
Republican Nominees

Election Day, Tuesday, November 2, 1909.**FOR GOVERNOR FOR LIEUT. GOVERNOR**

ARAM J. POTHIER,
Of Woonsocket,



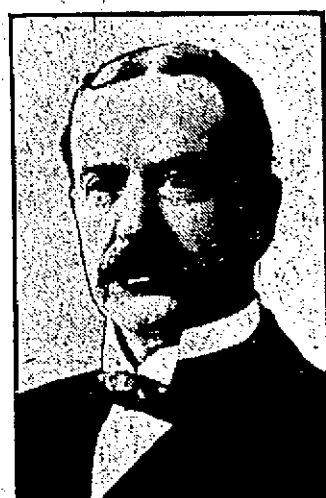
ZENAS W. BLISS,
Of Cranston.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE**REPUBLICAN**

J. FRED PARKER,
Of Providence.

**REPUBLICAN****For ATTORNEY GENERAL For GENERAL TREASURER**

WILLIAM B. GREENOUGH,
Of Providence.



WALTER A. READ,
Of Glocester.

The Republican Party stands for Good Government. The Republican Party through its representatives in both branches of the General Assembly has kept the financial affairs of the State within proper limits so that there has been no deficiency, and no increase in taxes. Meanwhile the important public improvements are being kept up. The Constitutional Amendments have been placed on the ballot for the approval of the Voters.

Vote to Approve the Amendments and the Harbor Improvement Loan.

VOTE FOR REPUBLICANS

By Marking a Cross in the Circle under the Eagle.

General Assembly Ticket for Newport.

For Senator--John P. Sanborn.

For First Representative--Horace N. Hassard.

For Second Representative--Robert S. Franklin.

For Third Representative--R. Livingston Beeckman.

For Fourth Representative--Robert Kerr.

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